

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

POST OFFICE BOX SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

DOCKET NO. MC2012-26

OPPOSITION OF DAVID B. POPKIN TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE'S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS

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Respectfully submitted,

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On August 13, 2012, the United States Postal Service moved for a three-day extension of today's deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding. The Postal Service gave three reasons for this request, namely,

1. The large number and broad scope of the comments
2. The need to receive feedback from outside the Law Department
3. Other work demands of the Postal Service Counsel

While there may have been many comments filed, virtually all of them are similar in nature and most of them have been filed well before the deadline for filing comments. The basic thrust of my comments was made well in advance when I filed a request for a Presiding Officer's Information Request. The Public Representative's comments were filed well before the deadline.

Furthermore, the Postal Service states that undersigned counsels were involved in other dockets. It is the Postal Service that created the other Dockets and they should not create more dockets than they are able to manage. I also recall that a similar claim by the counsel for the APWU in a recent filing when they requested an extension

because of the pressure of all of the dockets and their request was denied. If that applied to them, why doesn't it also apply to the Postal Service?

When the Postal Service filed their response to the Chairman's Information Response three calendar days after the deadline and on the day before comments were due, the Postal Service objected to my request for an extension.

I also note that as of this morning, the deadline for filing reply comments is 4:30 this afternoon. The participants in this Docket have to go on the assumption that this will remain as the deadline and any extension provided later today will not be of any help.

An extension of the time for filing reply comments should not be granted for the reasons specified above.